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SOLAR OBSERVATIONS

SOLAR AND SKY RADIATION MEASUREMENTS DURING MAY, 1925

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For a description of instruments and exposures and an account of the method of obtaining and reducing the measurements the reader is referred to the Review for January, 1924, 52:42 and January, 1925, 53:29. From Table 1 it is seen that solar radiation intensities

averaged below normal values for May at all three

stations.

Table 2 shows that the total solar and sky radiation received on a horizontal surface averaged above normal at the three stations for which weekly normals have been determined.

At Washington skylight polarization measurements made on 6 days give a mean of 48 per cent, with a maximum of 56 per cent on the 2d. At Madison, measurements made on 9 days give a mean of 49 per cent with a maximum of 60 per cent on the 23d. These are slightly below normal values for May at both stations.

Table 1.—Solar radiation intensities during May, 1925 Washington, D. C.

[Gram-calories per minute per square centimeter of normal surface]

		Sun's zenith distance													
	8 a.m.	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°	0.0°	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noor				
Date	75th				A	ir ma	SS				Loca				
	mer. time		A.	М.				P.	М.		solar time				
	e.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	*1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	e.				
Мау 2	mm. 5.56	cal.	cal.	cal. 0.79	cal.	cal. 1. 28	ral.	cal.	cal.	cal,	mm. 3.8				
8 15 16	7. 57 5. 36 8. 81 10. 97		0. 62	0.76 0.76 0.34 0.48	0.98 0.96 0.56	0. 87		 			5. 5 3. 4 9. 8 12. 6				
19 20 21	8. 48 9. 14 7. 57	0. 59	0. 69 0. 48	0. 81 0. 62	1.06 0.81 0.86	1. 29 1. 10	0.88	0. 72	0. 52		7.8 7.0 6.2				
23 27 28	13. 51 5. 79 6. 27		0. 77	0. 74 0. 94	0. 98 1. 11	1. 26 1. 32 1. 21		 			14. 6 5. 5 7. 0				
Means Departures		(0. 59) 0. 04		0, 69 0, 12	0. 93 0. 05	1. 19 0. 09	(0. 88) -0. 10	(0. 72) -0. 05	(0. 52) 0. 17	-					

Table 1.—Solar radiation intensities during May, 1925—Contd. Madison, Wis.

	Sun's zenith distance										
	8 a. m.	78.7°	75. 7º	70.7°	60.0°	0.0°	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noor
Date	75th				A	ir ma	88				Loca
	mer. time		A.	м.				Ρ.	м.		solar time
	е.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	*1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	8.
May 1	mm. 3. 99 3. 63	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal. 1. 42 1. 46	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	mm. 5. 3 4. 7
7 8 11	3. 30 6. 02 3. 63				1. 22 1. 02 0. 98	1. 40 1. 42	1.02				4.3 5.7 4.3
14 17 18	3. 99 3. 81 5. 36				1. 19	1.40	0. 97				4. 8 4. 9 6. 2
19 20 21 23	6. 50 9. 14 9. 14 9. 83		 	0. 72	0. 92 0. 94	1. 31 1. 02	1.06				7. 2 12. 2 9. 8
25	3. 99 6. 02 9. 14			 	1. 17 1. 15 0. 93 1. 15	1. 35 1. 43 1. 44					8. 4 4. 3 5. 5 8. 1
Means Departures				(0. 72) -0. 23	1. 07	1. 37 +0. 01	1. 02 0. 02				

Lincoln, Nebr.

	Means	5. 36 3. 99 4. 75 4. 37	0. 73 0. 43 (0. 58) -0. 13	0. 75 0, 51 0. 69	0. 67 0. 86 0. 86	1. 22 1. 05 0. 90 1. 12 1. 07 -0. 07	1. 51 1. 29 1. 38 1. 39 ±0. 00	(1, 15)	(0.90)	(0. 75)		3. 4. 3. 9. 3. 4. 3. 1. 4. 3
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[•] Extrapolated.

Table 2.—Solar and sky radiation received on a horizontal surface [Gram-calories per square centimeter of horizontal surface]

	A verage	daily ra	diation				
Wash-	Madi-	Lin-	Chi-	New	Wash-	Madi-	Lin-
ington	son	coln	cago	York	ington	son	coln
cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.
439	434	556	340	342	-10	-12	+84
377	539	467	490	302	-83	+78	-24
524	564	537	488	418	+56	+89	+27
530	551	658	506	413	+52	+74	+149
611	544	471	484	388	+123	+61	-52
	cal. 439 377 524 530	Wash- ington son cal. cal. 439 434 377 539 524 564 530 551	Wash- ington son coln cal. cal. cal. 439 434 556 377 539 467 524 564 537 530 551 658	ington son coln cago cal. cal. cal. cal. 439 434 556 340 377 539 467 490 524 564 537 488 530 551 658 506	Wash- ington son coln cago York cal. cal. cal. cal. cal. cal. 439 434 556 340 342 377 539 467 490 302 524 564 564 563 488 418	Wash- ington Madi- son Cal. Cal. Cal. Cal.	Wash- Madi- Lin- Chi- New ington son coln cago York ington son cal. cal. cal. cal. cal. cal. cal. cal.